

What is claimed is:

1. A rear vehicle body structure, comprising:  
left and right rear side frames extending longitudinally;  
5 left and right C and D pillars extending substantially vertically;

a first cross member connecting at a front end thereof to one of the rear side frames in the vicinity of one of the C pillars and connecting at a rear end thereof to the other 10 rear side frame; and

a second cross member connecting at the front end thereof to the other rear side frame in the vicinity of the other C pillar and connecting at the rear end thereof to the one of the rear side frame.

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2. The rear vehicle body structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein

the rear end of the second cross member connects to the one of the rear side frames in the vicinity of one of the D 20 pillars, and

the rear end of the first cross member connects to the other rear side frame in the vicinity of the other D pillar.

3. A rear vehicle body structure comprising:

25 left and right rear side frames extending longitudinally;

left and right C and D pillars extending substantially vertically;

a first cross member connecting at a front end thereof to one of the rear side frames and connecting at a rear end 5 thereof to the other rear side frame in the vicinity of the D pillar; and

a second cross member connecting at a front end thereof to the other rear side frame and connecting at the rear end thereof to the one of the rear side frame in the vicinity of 10 the D pillar.

4. A rear vehicle body structure comprising:

left and right side rails extending longitudinally;  
left and right C and D pillars extending substantially 15 vertically;

a roof brace provided to span between the left and right side rails, and to be a substantially X-shaped roof brace;

a first roof brace connecting at a front end thereof to one of the side rails in the vicinity of one of the C pillars; 20 and

a second roof brace connecting at the front end thereof to the other side rail in the vicinity of the other C pillar and crossing the first roof brace and connecting at the rear end thereof to the one of the side rails.

5. The rear vehicle body structure as set forth in Claim  
4, wherein

the rear end of the second roof brace connects to the  
one of the side rails in the vicinity of one of the D pillars,

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the rear end of the first roof brace connects to the other  
side rail in the vicinity of the other D pillar.

6. A rear vehicle body structure, comprising;

10 left and right side rails extending longitudinally;

left and right C and D pillars extending substantially  
vertically;

a roof brace provided to span between the left and right  
side rails and to be a substantially X-shaped roof brace;

15 a first roof brace connecting at a front end thereof to  
one of the side rails connecting at the rear end thereof to  
the other side rail in the vicinity of the D pillar; and

a second roof brace connecting at the front end thereof  
to the other side rail and connecting at the rear end thereof

20 to the one of the side rails in the vicinity of the D pillar.

7. The rear vehicle body structure as set forth in Claim  
1, further comprising:

a substantially X-shaped roof brace;

25 a first roof brace connecting at a front end to one of

the side rails in the vicinity of one of the C pillars and connecting at the rear end thereof to the other side rail; and  
a second roof brace connecting at the front end thereof to the other side rail in the vicinity of the other C pillar  
5 and connecting at the rear end thereof to the one of the side rails.

8. The rear vehicle body structure as set forth in Claim 3, further comprising:

10 a substantially X-shaped roof brace;  
a first roof brace connecting at the front end thereof to one of the side rails and connecting at a rear end thereof to the other side rail in the vicinity of the D pillar; and  
a second roof brace connecting at a front end thereof to the other side rail and connecting at the rear end thereof to the one of the side rails in the vicinity of the D pillar.  
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9. The rear vehicle body structure as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising:

20 a substantially X-shaped roof brace;  
a first roof brace connecting at a front end thereof to one of the side rails in the vicinity of one of the C pillars and connecting at the rear end thereof to the other side rail in the vicinity of the D pillar; and  
25 a second roof brace connecting at the front end thereof

to the other side rail and connecting at the rear end thereof to the one of the side rails in the vicinity of the D pillar.

10. A rear vehicle body structure comprising:

5       left and right rear side frames extending longitudinally;  
          a first cross member connecting at a front end thereof to one of the rear side frames and connecting at a rear end thereof to the other rear side frame; and  
          a second cross member connecting at a front end thereof  
10      to the other rear side frame and connecting at a rear end thereof to the one of the rear side frame.

11. A rear vehicle body structure comprising:

left and right side rails extending longitudinally;  
15       a first roof brace connecting at a front end thereof to one of the side rails and connecting at a rear end thereof to the other side rail; and  
          a second roof brace connecting at a front end thereof to the other side rail and connecting at a rear end thereof  
20      to the one of the side rails.